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## **Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services (OAA Title IIID)**

Please make note of the following updates. They are also reflected on the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging (AoA) [Older Americans Act \(OAA\) Title IIID webpage](#).

1. AoA is no longer listing evidence-based (EB) program examples on the [Title IIID webpage](#). However, we will continue to use a graduated three-tier set of criteria for defining EB interventions implemented through the OAA, and the [Title IIID Highest-Tier Criteria Evidence-Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Programs Cost Chart](#) remains on the webpage.
2. Disease prevention and health promotion (DPHP) programs do not need approval from AoA in order to be funded with OAA Title IIID dollars. As long as programs meet the [evidence-based criteria](#), then they are an acceptable use of Title IIID funding. We continue to encourage the aging network to move toward highest-level criteria. Please contact your State Unit on Aging for State-specific DPHP requirements.
3. In addition to the Cost Chart, the Title IIID webpage has numerous other resources, including:

[AoA's Health, Prevention and Wellness Programs.](#)

[Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Programs.](#)

[CDC's Community Health Resources Database.](#)

[SAMHSA's National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices.](#)

Also, [ACL's Aging and Disability Evidence-Based Programs and Practices \(ADEPP\)](#) is a new webpage to help the public learn more about available EB

programs in the areas of aging and disability. ACL expects to have up to three more EB programs reviewed in 2014. Interested program administrators may check the [ADEPP webpage](#) later this year for updated information on program submission guidance.

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### ***The State of Aging and Health in America 2013***

Recently released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, [The State of Aging and Health in America 2013](#) provides a snapshot of our nation's progress in promoting prevention, improving the health and well-being of older adults, and reducing behaviors that contribute to premature death and disability.

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### **News from HHS**

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#### **Health Centers to Help Uninsured Americans Gain Affordable Health Coverage**

*Obama administration awards \$150 million to provide enrollment assistance*

Last week, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced \$150 million in grant awards to 1,159 health centers across the nation to enroll uninsured Americans in new health coverage options made available by the Affordable Care Act.

These awards will help consumers understand their coverage options through the new Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program; determine their eligibility and what financial help they can get; and enroll in new affordable health coverage options. [Click here](#) for a list of health centers that received this funding. [Read more](#).

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### **Health IT Safety Plan**

Last week, the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology announced the publication of the final version of the Health IT Patient Safety Action and Surveillance Plan ("Plan"). The Plan leverages existing authorities to strengthen patient safety efforts across government programs and the private sector—including health care providers, health IT developers, patient safety organizations and accrediting and oversight bodies.

[Click here](#) for more information about the Plan and its implementation.

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### **Updated New Media Toolkit Now Available on AIDS.gov**

As a part of its technical assistance and training efforts with the HIV community, AIDS.gov provides resources on how to use new media. It recently updated the “[New Media Tools](#)” section of the website, which features overviews of various new media tools.

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### **Stay Informed**

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#### **Briefing on State-Long Term Care Ombudsman Programs Notice of Proposed Rule Making**

**Tuesday, July 16 at 2:00 p.m. EDT:** Becky Kurtz, Director of the Office of Long Term Care Ombudsman Programs for the U.S. Administration on Community Living (ACL) will discuss ACL’s newly proposed long-term care ombudsman regulations on a call sponsored by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging. This is a significant moment for ACL and ombudsman programs as these regulations have been in the making for nearly 20 years. [Registration information is available here.](#)

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#### **National Care Transitions Webinar**

**Monday, July 22, 2013, 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. EDT:** Sponsored by [CFMC](#), the official quality improvement organizations (QIO) for the state of Colorado. This webinar will share the latest progress and success in improving care transitions. [Register.](#)

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#### **Webinar from the NEA Interagency Task Force on the Arts and Human Development**

**Thursday, July 25, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. EDT:** Music education and neuroscience will be the focus of the next public webinar from the [NEA Interagency Task Force on the Arts and Human Development](#), an alliance of 17 federal departments and agencies (including the Administration for Community

Living) that encourage more research on how the arts help people reach their full potential at all stages of life.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

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### **Webcast of *Everyone Plays a Role in Suicide Prevention* Is Now Available Online**

[Click here](#) to view the archived webcast of *Everyone Plays a Role in Suicide Prevention*. This webinar, sponsored by the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention (of which the Administration for Community Living is a partner), was held on June 27. The alliance is a public-private partnership that is advancing the [National Strategy for Suicide Prevention](#).

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### **Tools & Information**

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#### **Final Report from the Process Evaluation for the CDSME Program**

The final report for the Chronic Disease Self Management Education Program (CDSME) Process Evaluation is now available. This evaluation examined state CDSME programs funded through the “Communities Putting Prevention to Work: Chronic Disease Self-Management Program,” an initiative of the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging (AoA) in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The [report and its appendices](#) are available on the AoA website.

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#### **New AHRQ Guide Helps Hospitals Engage Patients and Families in Health Care**

A new online resource from the Department of Health and Human Services’ Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) gives hospitals four evidence-based strategies to engage patients and families in their care. The field-tested strategies in [Guide to Patient and Family Engagement in Hospital Safety and Quality](#) can help hospitals improve both care and safety by bridging the communication gaps among patients and families and their health care providers.

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## **July Observances**

July 14: Anniversary of Older Americans Act

July 26: Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act

July 30: Anniversary of Medicare and Medicaid

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